

Fraud Alert for RCFE Facilities



The Department of Homeland Security has provided the following information:

There is currently a subject using fraudulent Department of Homeland Security (DHS) identification in the name of "Robert M. Sanchez". He is impersonating a DHS agent and has been contacting residential elder care facilities in an effort to extort money from the owners of the facilities. Thus far, his methods include, informing the owners that he will be conducting a Form I-9 inspection. However, he tells the owners he can help them bypass the inspection if they provide Personal Identifying Information (PII) (i.e.: Social Security numbers, Immigration numbers, Passport numbers, Dates of Birth, etc.) of their employees via email. Additionally, in appreciation for his "assistance", he asks the care facility owner to pay him a sum of money.

If any of your licensed facilities encounter a person using the above-mentioned name and/or scam, please have them contact Department of Homeland Security Special Agent Diana Alvarez at (415) 844-5289.

Helpful tips to avoid becoming a victim of this scam:

- Government officials will only provide government email addresses (i.e.: xxx.xxx@xxxx.gov), no personal email addresses.
- Government officials will not photocopy their government identification / credentials.
- Government officials will not ask for "gifts" (i.e.: money, favors of any kind). If so, gather as much information as possible and report them.
- If a Form I-9 Notice of Inspection is issued by the government (DHS/Immigration and Customs Enforcement) the owner would be formally notified on agency letterhead and would be given three business days to prepare the documents for the audit.